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Employer Update

PERF Achieves Third Consecutive Clean Financial Opinion

The Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF) of Indiana has achieved an unqualified financial opinion for the third consecutive fiscal year while reducing the number of findings from 30 in 2004 to two in the recently-completed [audit](#).

PERF Earns National Recognition

For the second consecutive year, the Indiana Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF) has received [national recognition](#) for excellence in plan administration and funding. The recognition comes in the form of an Award of Excellence from the Public Pension Coordinating Council (PPCC), a coalition of three national associations that represent public retirement systems and administrators. While more than 500 retirement systems are eligible to apply, PERF was among only 67 systems to receive the PPCC Standards Award in 2007.

Receipt Date of First Benefit Payment Can Vary

First time benefit recipients should receive their first benefit payment within the month in which they retire; however, it could be up to 10 days past the end of the month based on the date the check is created and mailed. Members will receive subsequent direct deposit benefit payments on the 15th of the month. Benefit checks that are mailed are typically received by members around the 15th of the month.

Retirement Applications are Available Through PERF Website

Members wishing to submit traditional retirement applications can download copies from the PERF website at http://www.in.gov/perf/files/ra_and_tax_forms_8-13.pdf. Downloading copies of the retirement application as needed - rather than printing in bulk - ensures members are receiving the most up-to-date information at the time they are ready to complete their applications. Members may also submit [online applications](#) by visiting www.perf.in.gov, selecting Member Login and register for a PERF Online account.

Stability in Tough Times

Continuing news regarding a global financial crisis has left individuals throughout the nation questioning the safety of their retirement savings. PERF members can be assured that the fund remains in solid shape. Find out [how PERF is addressing](#) market instability.

Six-Month Guarantee Reduced to 90 Days

Members applying for a retirement benefit from the Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF) can now do so [90 days](#) in advance of their anticipated retirement date rather than six months as previously requested. "This will allow members more flexibility in selecting a retirement date that better fits their retirement needs while still providing a smooth transition from their last paycheck to their first benefit payment," said PERF Executive Director Terren B. Magid.

Central Faxing Service Established, Please Update Your PERF Fax Number

This is a reminder that PERF has installed a central fax server to streamline efficiency. When faxes are received, they are scanned directly into the appropriate member account. The new fax numbers are 317-234-5922 or toll-free 866-591-9441. We ask that you update the number in your fax machine.

Pre-Retirement Workshops help employees navigate process

PERF continues to mail out Pre-Retirement Workshop mailers to those who may be within 18 months of retirement. This mailer allows members to sign up to learn about the retirement process. To download additional copies of this mailer, visit this [link](#). You can find a full list of workshops, or help an employee register to attend a workshop [here](#). Members may also call us at 888-526-1687 if they have any questions or need help signing up for a workshop.

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